

Subject: RE: Spring St Park Incident

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From: Blair Besten [mailto:blair@historiccore.bid]

Sent: Monday, January 4, 2016 8:42 AM

To: Nicholas Previsich

Cc: William Stevenson; patti@pattberman.com; Diana Yedoyan; Deon Joseph; Michael Mitchell; Rick; Anika Ostin; Noah Strouse

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Cameras are the best idea and would both deter and help police.

I wish we had the resources to stand by outside the park every half hour but that's just not feasible, unfortunately. Quite frankly, we are responding more and more frequently to assaults and other crime in the district. I would not feel good about managing one small area at the expense of other hotter spots of criminal activity.

Happy to host a meeting in our offices as we had planned to do end of the year. Not sure why it was rescheduled.

Happy New Year and see you all soon!

Blair Besten

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2016, at 7:11 PM, Nicholas Previsich <nkprev@yahoo.com> wrote:

Yeah, I was throwing that out there as a discussion point, not really as a practical suggestion. I think that the best near-term tweak here would be to brief the El Dorado and Rowan guards that response to Park calls is the priority unless there's an active security incident happening at either building. I don't care if somebody's gotta wait for a package or a food delivery or something under such conditions.

From: William Stevenson <bill@downtown-properties.com>

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Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2016 6:22 PM

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I understood from Rick Brownell that the Spring Street Park guard Chase provides would have direct access to both the Rowan and El Dorado security guards for help plus direct access to the roving Chase guards in the area. And he has access to the BID patrols and the LAPD. A second guard at the Park is not in going to be happening.

Rick welcome back to work (he is scheduled to be back on Monday). Please send all on this email your thoughts on the emails below.

Bill Stevenson

From: Nicholas Previsich [mailto:nkprev@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2016 3:46 PM

To: patti@pattberman.com; Sara Hernandez; Blair Besten; Diana Yedoyan; Deon Joseph; William Stevenson; Patti Berman

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Quick correction: The second guy was arrested on a legacy warrant.

From: Nicholas Previsich <nkprev@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Sunday, January 3, 2016 12:52 PM

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Hi, Patti. FYI, about 30 min ago two people described to me as "low lifes" and "gangbangers" attacked the guard. They were smoking weed & asked to leave; they didn't like that. LAPD responded & one of them is in cuffs as I write this, but apparently he'll be released with a trespass order because there's no video recording of the area and he intends to press charges against the guard if the guard presses charges against him.

Not an optimal outcome.

A couple of possible changes to consider:

1. Adding another guard. MUCH more money, obviously, but also much safer.

2. Adding security cams. I could try to get one or two added to the El Dorado to point down at the Park, but no guarantee of success since that will cost money. Would also need the Rowan to do the same. Good for evidence (in a limited way), but not much added in terms of deterrence.

3. Establishing a memorandum of agreement with the BID to assist in Park security. I dunno if that's at all practical, Blair, but would like your thoughts. Was thinking if one of your people could hang out there (or even just on the 400 block of Spring) for at least 30 min every hour as a wingman for the guard that would vastly reduce the probability of 2 on 1 incidents like what happened today.

I'm going to ask Chase to change procedures to make rapid response to the Park from the El Dorado (*only available 1200- 0300 daily) and the Rowan a priority as well. In any case, this incident makes it clear that some tweaks are needed, which of course is expected for any new process. Bottom line is that a guy alone in there is vulnerable, so we need to think of ways to mitigate that risk.

The guard schema is still a resounding success; we just need to make sure that he's safe. Have a good week!

Nick